

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Fort Worth, Texas (BP) — The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has turned \$3 million into nearly \$18.5 million by providing "no-cost" programming to 2,736 radio and television stations throughout the United States and other countries. For the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, the commission — operating on a \$3 million budget from the denomination's Cooperative Program — received \$18,480,454 in free air time for its eight regular radio programs.

London (RNS) — Two years after the Good News Bible — the first major British paperback edition of the Bible — appeared in Britain's bookstores, its sales appear to be nearing the two million mark.

Los Angeles (RNS) — In response to appeals for flood relief from the government of Vietnam, World Vision International has approved a \$73,500 grant for the purchase and shipment of 200 tons of rice. Stan Mooneyham, president of the Christian humanitarian agency, said the grant will be given on the condition that an observer be permitted to oversee distribution.

Revival Dates

Lakeview Church, Leland: Nov. 5-10; services at 7 p.m.; George Butler, pastor of Pace Church, evangelist; Gary Saliba, minister of music at Hollandale Church, song leader; Charles Everitt, pastor.

New York (RNS) — President Carter's personal representative to the Vatican will be former New York Mayor Robert F. Wagner. According to past practice, the appointment entails two or three visits a year to Rome to discuss international issues and humanitarian concerns with the Pope or other Vatican officials. When needed, the President's representative can rely on staff assistance from the U. S. State Department's Foreign Service Office.

Porno Bill

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session beginning in January. Pickering, who has been introducing pornography legislation for several years, said "If we don't have a turning around in the direction this nation is going in its moral character we will see it go the way of the Roman Empire."

The group met earlier on Aug. 10 to get its efforts under way.

Discipleship

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riculum materials and an entire year of growth in discipleship training will be offered in the periodicals in 1980-81.

A final combined project is production of follow-up and personal growth materials for new Christians to be used in crusades, revivals, and continuing church evangelistic efforts.

Ministries To Refugees This Vietnamese Is From Tutwiler

By Tim Nicholas

When Nguyen Tan Duong began studying the Bible in Vietnam, he only planned to use it to learn English.

Now the 21-year old Mississippi College senior uses it to gauge his life. "Skip," nickname given to Duong by an American friend, began studying English using the Bible with Southern Baptist Journeymen John Parsons and Linda Pelgran in 1974.

At the same time, he was visiting a Christian Missionary Alliance family in his hometown of Hue. They gave him scripture portions in Vietnamese.

Slowly, the Bible began to mean more to him. However, he said, "I didn't accept Jesus over there. I didn't have enough faith to accept him." He said a lot of people in Vietnam lost their old faith in such as Buddhism and ancestor worship. "You see in news people killing each other day after day — people lost their faith — they'd pray and the war would go on and on."

But while in his first year at the University of Hue, the Communists began their final invasion of South Vietnam. And in April of 1975, Skip escaped with relatives to Danang where he was invited to fly out of the country.

Bowling Shoes

"We didn't have anything with us," he said. "Just some clothes." When Skip arrived at Fort Chaffee, Ark., he was wearing bowling shoes he picked up in an American bowling alley where his relatives had worked.

The boring life of a refugee awaiting resettlement pulled Skip into the chapel where his English lessons continued and his understanding of the Christian faith grew. A Vietnamese

woman friend explained more to him. "I thought it's about time for me to change my life," he said. "I left everything: friends, relatives, family. I think I need somebody to believe in and help me in my new life."

Skip accepted Christ as savior and was baptized in the base swimming pool by a Vietnamese minister.

John Parsons, whom he met at Fort Chaffee, introduced him to Doug Kellum, who was working in the refugee resettlement program and "That's how I came to Tutwiler, Miss.," said Skip.

He gets a kick out of telling people where he's from. "Even students at Mississippi College don't know where Tutwiler is," he said.



"Skip"

Doug Kellum's parents sponsor Skip and are helping him through school where he's majoring in sociology. He also has a partial scholarship and a grant.

His problems appear to be few. He misses being able to talk in his native tongue with anyone. He is the only Vietnamese on campus. He knows a few more Vietnamese in the Jackson area.

The social life keeps him busy. Some of the culture shock (including his first experience with snow) amazes him — "We never had homecoming," he said. And in Vietnam people only gave greetings on the street to folks they know. Here, "the people are very friendly, say hi."

Food interests have changed. "I can

get along with just about anything," he said. "But I'm not really crazy about rice." He misses cutting his own pineapple in his backyard.

Skip is a member of First Baptist, Clinton, participates as much as possible in Baptist Student Union and plays forward on the MC soccer team.

He acknowledged that he'll need a master's degree to be able to work effectively in sociology. He said he'd like to end up working with Vietnamese with their sociological problems.

If the others yet to come to America have the adaptive powers Skip has — and the acceptance of the same savior — the problems will likely be few and far between.

Anyone Can Do It

Any Southern Baptist church or individual may sponsor a refugee family.

Most are just waiting for the chance to get back on their feet again.

Some expectations of those who sponsor refugees include providing a house or apartment for the family, provide furniture and food. Help the breadwinner find a job, teach conversational English if necessary, take the family to the supermarket and other necessary places.

Simply be a friend to a family

who left all they had behind. In most instances, the family will be on its feet and able to provide for itself in just a few months.

For information on refugee sponsorship, write Immigration and Refugee Service, Baptist Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga., 30309.

Richard Alford, language missions program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Cooperative Missions Department will make the contact for a church or individual if so desired.

Thousands are waiting.

Couple Who Sponsored Refugees Says 'We Would Do It Again'

By Anne McWilliams

When a large group of refugees fled Vietnam and came to the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stringer of Jackson were among the number in Mississippi who volunteered as sponsors.

How do they feel about the experience now, several years later? "If we had the chance we would not hesitate to do it again," both say.

The two young men they sponsored stayed with them for four months, and are now living in other states. Long is in California and Thanh in Arkansas. However, they still keep in touch through letters.

The Stringers, who live at 207 Dahaja Circle, Clinton, provided a home and food and helped to find part time jobs for the men while they were in the Jackson area. Long studied at Mississippi College for a semester.

The project was a way in which the Stringers could express their Christian love, a quality which they have in abundance. At times they have kept foster children from the Baptist Children's Village. "But I don't call them foster children," Mrs. Stringer says quickly. "They are all my children."

Having Long and Thanh in their home helped them to learn more about

Vietnam and the Vietnamese, and a few words of their language.

"It was a good experience for our children," Mrs. Stringer said. "They accepted the young men with no prejudice whatsoever." Their son and daughter are both adopted; the son is of Lebanese ancestry.

Also it proved to be a good experience for Van Winkle Church, where the Stringers direct the Children's Church and he is Church Training director. Both Long and Thanh were Baptists, and both received a warm welcome at Van Winkle.

While Thanh was in the South Vietnamese army he began worrying about his wife and child; it was near

the end of the war and all was chaos. He had deserted the army and was walking toward home when he wandered into an area occupied by the opposing army. In panic, not knowing what else to do, he boarded a ship carrying refugees. In America, he was very troubled about having left his family in Vietnam.

Long's family had chosen him as the one among them who should come to the States, as they felt he had the best chance for making a brighter future for himself.

Because sponsors were available, both were given a chance in this country.

Great Grandmother Was Passed By Twice

By Maxine Stewart

CHACHEUNGSAO, Thailand (BP) — They had been at sea three days. Supplies ran as low as their hopes for rescue. Then they stopped an American ship.

Coming alongside the 33-foot fishing boat in rough seas, crewmen on the USS Hammond pulled each of the 37 Vietnamese refugees to freedom. Eighteen of them were from one family, including 97-year-old great grandmother Phan Thi Ly.

Third Try

Mrs. Phan's escape with her family — their third attempt at freedom — began when one of her grandsons told officials in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) that he was taking his grandmother to the countryside to visit friends. Instead they boarded a small boat waiting in a tributary of the Saigon River.

Before being rescued by the American ship, the refugees had signaled two other ships but got no response from them.

"By that time I felt that I was going

to die at sea," said Mrs. Phan, the only one not suffering from seasickness. "Then suddenly someone told me that an American ship had been spotted. I knew then that my children would be safe from then on. I was so happy. I had prayed to God during the escape."

Once the refugees reached a refugee camp in Thailand, Southern Baptist missionary Polly (Mrs. J. Glenn) Morris of Hattiesburg, Miss., took them under her wing, shopping for them with funds furnished by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and helping make contacts for relocation. Mrs. Morris secured a wheelchair for Mrs. Phan.

Mrs. Phan hopes to be reunited soon with her daughter in Colorado and her son in California. But she considers herself extremely fortunate just to be in Thailand. Reports indicate that seven of every 10 who start such a journey do not make it across the waters.

Maxine (Mrs. Robert R.) Stewart is the Southern Baptist missionary press representative in Thailand.

"Bible Treasures"

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Treasure for Tuesday evening. Then, the Wednesday morning session will feature James Travis, director of pastoral services for the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. And Tuesday afternoon's treasure comes from Paul Vandercook, director of language ministries for the Jackson and Gulf Coast Baptist Associations.

The last session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will feature a Bible Treasure message by Penrose St. Amant, retired president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention officially begins on Nov. 13, with a 15 minute opening session in the middle of the state Baptist Brotherhood Rally on Monday night at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson.

At this meeting, the convention will be called to order and the committee on constitution and by-laws will make its report.

This short session will feature no Bible Treasure messages.

Full sessions of the convention will take place the next two days at Jackson's First Baptist Church.

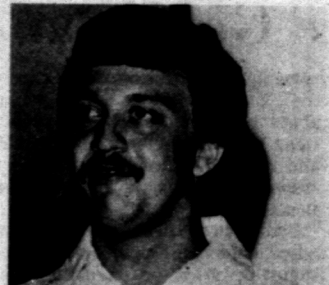
Missionary News

Glendon and Marjorie Grober, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 1043, 66000 Belém, PA, Brazil. He was born in Vicksburg.

E. V. and Frances May, missionary associates to Puerto Rico, may be addressed at 255 Ponce de Leon, Pan American Building No. 218, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919. Before they were employed by the Foreign Mission Board, he was pastor of First Church, Shannon, Miss.



These students performed with the musical group "Gift of Song," for the convention. The group is from the University of Mississippi.



Johnny Buckner of Mississippi State University, worked as a summer missionary in Southeast Asia. With a group, he sang four or five concerts each day in several Asian countries. They were on television in Thailand and made a record in Hollywood with the profits to go to summer missions. "We saw close to 400 people come to know the Lord through our ministry," he said.



"Promise," from First Baptist Church, Jackson sings a special number. (Photo by Louie Farmer).



Ralph and Ginny Winters face the camera as students greet them during a reception held in their honor. Winters retires next year after 21 years in student work in Mississippi, 34 in all. (Photo by Louie Farmer)



Beth Walker, student at Blue Mountain College, was a student summer missionary last summer in South Carolina. She worked in Backyard Bible Clubs, showing churches ways to reach out into their own neighborhoods. She related an experience with a pastor's niece who told her she had had an influence on the girl's life. "She told me she didn't know anything about God, but was going to find out," said Beth.



Jimmy Allen, center, talks with state BSU president John Stanley at his right and Jerry Merriman, Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was a featured speaker for the student convention.



Jerry Merriman and Charles Roselle look over program for the Baptist Student Convention which was held Oct. 20-22 in Jackson. Merriman is associate director of the Mississippi Baptist Department of Student Work and Roselle oversees student work through his office at the Sunday School Board.

Brotherhood

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mittee's first meeting in Memphis, location of the Brotherhood Commission, issued the following public statement.

"We're going to make as complete a study as possible of all aspects of this proposed merger of the Brotherhood Commission into the Sunday School Board. Many factors must be considered. The ultimate question must always be what is best for Baptist men and boys' work in local Baptist churches and in our denomination.

"We urge any Southern Baptist who has facts or opinions about this proposed merger to communicate immediately with any member of the six-member committee. We want as much input as possible from as many sources as possible as we study the question."

Commission Hailed For Alcohol Battle

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — The Southern Baptist Radio and Television commission program "Powerline" has been commended by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism for its efforts in combating youth alcoholism.

Harry Bell, director of public affairs for the Institute in Washington, D. C., cited the show for its numerous editorials on alcoholism. "This program is making an impact on youth," he said. "It has put the disease of alcoholism in its proper perspective."

"Kids are like sponges in absorbing all that is around them, 'Powerline' has made it clear that alcoholism is a real and deadly road to follow. It has changed it from an attractive habit to the ugly condition that it is."

Blue Mountain Ministers To Chinese For 86 Years

By Tim Nicholas

A blind baby girl left on the doorstep of a Southern Baptist missionary in Canton, China began a ministry that continues today linking Blue Mountain College in northeast Mississippi to a medical missions program in Hong Kong.

The American Mo Quong Board, operated out of Baptist-related Blue Mountain College administers funds which equip and staff a mobile eye clinic in Hong Kong, finance eye operations for those in need, assist sighted Chinese girls to attend Blue Mountain College and aid in translating religious tracts and portions of the Bible into braille.

The blind baby girl was left on the doorstep of missionary Lula Whilden, missionary from South Carolina. At this time in 1892, most Chinese parents placed little value on their daughters, less on those born blind.

Interest increased in Miss Whilden's work and a permanent home for blind girls was established. Much of the money came from Blue Mountain students and faculty in 1904 when Janie Graves, while on furlough from China,

made an appeal at the school.

The home, named Mo Quong (meaning Light Within) was opened in 1909. The work continued there until 1937 when invading Japanese armies forced a move of the 75 girls living at the home to Macao, near Hong Kong.

The Board was established in 1936 to operate out of Blue Mountain College.

By 1945, when the group returned to China, the home was in ruins. It was rebuilt with endowment funds and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts.

When Communists overran China in 1951, the home was confiscated and the girls transferred to a Presbyterian home in another part of Canton.

Interest from an endowment fund goes from the Foreign Mission Board to Hong Kong Hospital, part of which is used for the ophthalmic treatment of women and girls.

Dr. John Chang, hospital ophthalmologist and a Baptist layman, influenced the Hong Kong rotary to purchase a van for a mobile eye clinic which the American Mo Quong Board has furnished and staffed.

The staff nurse takes the van to

schools in winter to check for eye problems. And in the summers, it goes to factories to test for glaucoma and eye disease.

In 1977, nearly 15,000 children were given eye tests through operation of the van.

The Board has brought recording equipment and a mimeograph machine for Lucy Ching, a blind Chinese woman who works for a social service agency in Hong Kong. She also is supervising the translation of the Bible into braille.

While in the United States last year to speak to the national meeting of the Milton Society for the Blind, Miss Ching visited Blue Mountain College. She told students that she didn't have any hope until she visited a church and the minister told her God loved her. She became a Christian and went out with other blind girls, masquerading as beggars.

When a person would try to give them money, they would say they didn't want money but did want to share Christ with them.

Today Teresa Lau, secretary to the

administrator of Hong Kong Baptist Hospital, is on scholarship to Blue Mountain College through the Mo Quong Board, working on a degree in medical technology.

And Blue Mountain College President Harold Fisher is corresponding with the state Woman's Missionary Union director in Tennessee about a girl she met in Hong Kong with the possibility of arranging study at Blue Mountain.

Executive of the Board is Mae Hall (Mrs. J. E.) Buchanan.

Membership on the Mo Quong Board consists of the president of Blue Mountain College, the Baptist Young Women president on campus, the BSU director, BSU president, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church on campus, Mrs. May Anderson of Mobile (a founder), Mary Dan Hollis, secretary to the Board; the national president of the alumni association; president of the state WMU; Marjean Patterson; Mrs. Sadie Lee Wells; and Mrs. Frances Tyler. The Board meets annually.

New Central Hills Plans Get Committee Go-Ahead

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Clearing and grubbing is under way for the recreation area, Moore said. He indicated that the committee should be in position to receive bids on the swimming pool early this month. The recreation area in addition to the swimming pool will have two softball fields which can be converted into one football field and additional areas for volleyball and badminton.

Work on the sewage lagoon is nearing completion. The contract price for the scaled down lagoon is \$23,000.

At this point the development committee has been given \$850,000 with which to work. This comes from Cooperative Program allocations for the retreat, from money borrowed for the development, and from interest on the investment of money earmarked for the retreat while development was being held in limbo.

Adjustments Made

In addition to the alterations of the sewage system, adjustments have been made in other areas. Under the new plan the water system will not need to be as elaborate, and instead of cabins for the campers there will be two-person tents on platforms. Originally there were plans for a separate dining hall seating about 250. The new plan for the Camp Center Building will have a dining facility that will care for about 140. Instead of a guest house for 16 staff and program persons as was originally planned there will be living quarters in the Camp Center Building for six people.

A community water system has been established that is serving the retreat and 160 families in the area. The retreat is reached by going on Highway 19 to Springdale Baptist Church northwest of Kosciusko. At the church a paved road goes to the north, and the entrance to the retreat grounds is about three-quarters of a mile from the church.

Plans call for 66 tents for two boys each to be set on platforms 12 by 14 feet. The tent residence area will be served by two bath houses.

Virginian Buys College Campus For James Robison Evangelism Association

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — A Virginia businessman has purchased and given to the James Robison Evangelistic Association for its use, the east Texas branch of Ambassador College.

F. William Menge paid \$10.6 million for the 1,600 acre facility, formerly owned by Herbert W. Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God. It's located north of Tyler in Big Sandy, Texas. Robison's association puts the property value at between \$30 million and \$50 million.

The property includes 330 buildings, 25 houses, a 16,000-seat convention center, 60-acre lake, 9-hole golf course, a landing strip, airplane hanger, four large dormitories, and a gymnasium which seats 3,500.

Recreational facilities include a

track, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, a 60-acre lake for fishing and boating and a white sand beach and swimming area. Robison plans to hold youth camps, retreats, conferences and Christian discipleship training on the site, as well as to build a retirement center.

He anticipates expanding his present camp attendance to accommodate 1,000 to 3,000 young people per week. Using the facilities for family conferences would allow as many as 1,000 families to attend Bible study sessions.

A program to train short-term missionaries, patterned after the Peace Corps, is envisioned for lay people and students who want to devote two years or more to spreading the gospel in foreign countries. Those plans are un-

related to similar efforts of the Southern Baptist Convention's Home and Foreign Mission Board's which already place short-term volunteers beside career missionaries for one and two year periods at home and abroad.

BMC Will Mark Founders' Day

Jean Anderson Morgan, chairman of the Board of Valley Publishing Company, Kent, Wash., will be the keynote speaker for the annual Founders' Day program at Blue Mountain College Friday, Nov. 3.

Mrs. Morgan graduated from Blue Mountain in 1947 and edited the *Morgan Collierville* (Tennessee) *Herald*, 1948-1959. During that time she also worked for the National Cotton Council and traveled with the Maid of Cotton.

Mrs. Morgan is the first woman to be named to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Press Association and holds the same distinction with the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association.

A welcoming message will be delivered by BMC president E. Harold Fisher and introduction of past Alumnae presidents and officers will be by Katherine Beaty of Jackson, the current president of the national association.

Special music for the program will be provided by the Second Century singers.



Tupelo Choir Sings In Louisiana

Parkway, Tupelo's Youth Choir went on tour to present the musical, "Share," by Cam Florida. Twenty-four young people on the Aug. 14-18 trip sang at Belle River Church and Lake Forest Church, New Orleans, and at Northward Church in Gulfport. The presentation was directed by Ron Tullos, music and youth director. Robert Shirley is the pastor.

Jones Baptists Provide —

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mined through correspondence, with the recipients of the funds. Members only commit themselves for one year with the option of staying in or quitting.

Gail (Mrs. O. G.) James, secretary of the fellowship and district Woman's Missionary Union director, said that she and her husband belong and that "I know when I look at Indiana, Penn., on a map, that I've sent a couple of dollars there. This is extra special."

She added that she gets excited when she thinks about following up her gifts with a visit to participate in the mission work. Others have indicated an interest in actually going where their dollars have gone in order to help out. Earl Clark, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church and his family and another family from his church have already made a mission trip to Pittsburg at their own expense. They did Backyard Bible Schools, survey, and Clark preached in several areas.

While in Pittsburg, at Northside Chapel, Clark heard from sponsoring church, University Baptist, in Manacca, Penn., that Mississippians were coming up to work in the Northside Chapel.

So a commissioning service was worked out for Harold Debold and Theresa Case who were about to be married. Theresa is daughter of Charles Case, pastor of FBC, Foxworth and Debold lives in Clinton and would be pastor of Northside Chapel. They were commissioned by the Di-

rect Mission Fellowship in June at a service held at Tuckers Crossing Baptist Church and are being funded at \$150 per month by the fellowship.

Said Clark, "Now our members know somebody they're supporting."

For Dell Scoper, enlistment chairman of the fellowship and association WMU director, "It's a very important \$10 every month. It comes out of our grocery money. We do not consider this a part of our tithes or mission offerings," she said.

Individuals, Sunday School classes, Baptist Women groups — any can join, but each \$10 allows only one voting member. Clark reported a college student gave him \$5 and promised the other \$5 before the end of that week. "I want to be a part of it," he told Clark.

Dell Scoper said that any association or group can start their own Direct Mission Fellowship — any group "that's got the want-to."

Students Of Six Schools Slate Bold Mission Rally

Stanley A. Nelson of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will be the featured speaker at the "Students in Bold Mission" Rally in Tupelo, on Thursday, November 9.

Planned by the Baptist Student Unions on six campuses in northeast Mississippi, the rally will be held at Harrisburg Baptist Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Students will learn about opportunities for involvement in Bold Mission Thrust, both as short-term and career missionaries. In addition to Nelson, they will be able to talk with Bill Lee, assistant director of Special Mission Ministries of the Home Mission Board, and Jerry Merriman, associate director of Baptist student work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

A multi-media presentation by Louie Farmer, director of the BSU at the University of Southern Mississippi, will highlight the rally. Students will provide music and mission testimonies. Former student missionaries and other summer workers will share their experiences in a Missions Fair following the program.

Nelson serves as director of the student section of the missionary personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board. He is in charge of the board's Missionary Journeyman program. He also assists in evaluating candidates applying for career mission service. A native of Kansas, he has been with the Foreign Mission Board since 1969. He received the master of divinity and

doctor of philosophy degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

The rally has been planned and sponsored by the Baptist Student Unions at Blue Mountain College, Itawamba Junior College, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, and the University of Mississippi.

The meeting is open to the public. College students and young adults in the area are especially urged to attend.

SBC Hotels Are 40 Percent Full

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Over 40 percent of about 6,500 rooms available in 34 hotels under contract for the 1979 Southern Baptist Convention in Houston are already full, according to convention manager, Tim Hedquist. Nine of the hotels are full.

He said four hotels near The Summit, where convention sessions will be held, June 12-14, have plenty of room. They are the Astro Village Hotel, the Downtown Holiday Inn, the Shamrock Hilton, and the headquarters hotel, the Hyatt Regency.

The full hotels are the Allen Park Inn, Albert Pick Motor Inn, Executive Red Carpet Inn, Holiday Inn—Central, La Quinta Inn—Greenway Plaza,



Ron and Patricia Owens

Calvary Baptist Church, 1300 West Capitol, in Jackson, will premier "Alive Again," Sunday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

The Chancel Choir of Calvary Church will present the state premier of the new musical by Ron and Patricia Owens. It will be assisted by Ron and Patricia Owens, the Young Musicians Choir, and Vickie Akin.

The Owens and their son Jeff, live in Fort Worth, Tex. Patricia was born in Jackson, Miss., Ron in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Canada.

The two met at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N. Y.

Calvary Will Premier 'Alive Again' Nov. 12

Though they have sung classical, Broadway, and pop repertoire, they are now known for their "Sermons in Song" in which they share their pilgrimage through word and music. Concert tours have taken them coast to coast in the United States and Canada, to Europe, Asia, and Africa.

A portion of each year is spent working on foreign mission fields, particularly in Europe. This work includes retreat and conference ministries, youth outreach to western Europe through youth choirs, mission tours, witnessing campaigns, etc., and adult tours combining sightseeing, Bible study, and sharing times.

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Upcoming At Gulfshore

Here's the schedule for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly through December. Some of these dates can accommodate other groups. Groups interested in using the facilities, contact Frank Simmons, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571, or phone 452-7261.

Nov. 3-4 Calvary Baptist Church, New Orleans; First Baptist Church, New Orleans, singles retreat;

Nov. 10-11 Gentilly Baptist Church, New Orleans; Salvation Army; and Metairie Baptist Church, Metairie, La.; Keesler couples retreat;

Nov. 17-18 Salem Baptist Church, Collins; First Baptist Church, Wiggins; Keesler Airman retreat; Campus Life student retreat;

Nov. 24-25 First Baptist Church, Belle Chase, La. retreat;

Nov. 29-Dec. 2 National Student State BSU Directors meeting;

Dec. 1-2 First Baptist Church, Columbia; First Baptist Church, Slidell, La.; First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.;

Dec. 8-9 First Baptist Church, Brookhaven young adult retreat.

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Editorials

Appreciation For President . . .

Convention Is The Messengers

We speak of the Mississippi Baptist Convention as if it were an ongoing organization, but it's not. It meets three days, or parts of three days, in November; and it's over. There is not another convention then until the next November unless it is a called gathering.

Then it follows that there cannot be a convention without messengers. The gathering of messengers is the convention. There can be 1,000 or 2,000 or 3,000. However many attend will make

up the convention, but the larger the number of messengers the better experience the convention will be.

A larger number will give a broader base for making decision, it will provide more enthusiasm and inspiration during the meeting, and it will give a greater crowd of people who will be able to go back to their churches with inspired reports.

If your church has not designated its messengers, now is the time. Each church gets one messenger for each 100 members or fraction thereof and

one additional messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof. Therefore each church is entitled to at least one messenger. It is due an additional messenger for every 100 additional members every time the number of members goes past 50 on that hundred. The limit is 10 messengers.

And with the emphasis on the approaching convention comes the occasion to pay tribute to the president for the past two years. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Church in

Tupelo, has done an outstanding job in that office. He has handled his presiding responsibilities with a great deal of finesse, charm, and wit. And he has attended innumerable committee meetings, board meetings, and other functions to give support and to give counsel when it is needed.

He is due the appreciation of Mississippi Baptists, for he has been a vital influence in a period of calm and purposeful forward movement as Mississippi Baptists have made their witness felt throughout the world.

Alcohol Referendums . . .

How Many Counties Involved?

How many Mississippi counties are facing liquor and/or beer elections on Tuesday? One for sure is Walthall County, which is now dry. The advocates of alcohol, however, have managed to get referendums involving both liquor and beer on the general election ballot for Tuesday.

There may be others with one or both.

This piece will not attempt to do a

selling job on the evils of alcohol. That is a foregone conclusion. Even those who make and distribute the stuff hope their customers don't drink too much, for the result hurts their image.

This is a plea to citizens in those counties facing such referendums to be sure to vote on that portion of the ballot. And it should go without saying that it is much easier to keep a county dry than it is to dry it up again after it

has voted wet. Thus it should go without saying also that if a county is dry the best thing to do is to keep it that way. Of course the significance is deeper than just allowing or not allowing adults to drink if they want to. It's also the influence on the children who would grow up in a wet atmosphere and the influence such an atmosphere would have on their lives for many years to come.

Our friend Elmer Howell, who re-

cently retired as director of the Brotherhood Department for Mississippi Baptists, is leading the dry forces in Walthall County. Our best wishes and prayers are with him and his supporters and to those in every other county that might be facing such a test.

Please be counted on to help win the victory that would keep alcohol out of those counties.

Guest Opinion . . .

The Purpose Of The State Baptist Convention

By Jim Keith, Chairman
Committee on Order of Business

The churches of Mississippi will be meeting Nov. 14-15 for the 143rd session of the state Baptist convention at First Baptist Church, Jackson. This annual gathering is the culmination of the combined efforts of the Baptist churches of this state for 1978, and it will provide the impetus for the challenge facing Mississippi Baptists in the year to come.

What is the purpose for the state Baptist convention? Primarily it is the time for the cooperating Baptist churches of the state to assemble for three important reasons: to fellowship together, to worship together, and to conduct business together. Considering the significance, each of these pro-

vides reason enough for all state Baptists to be present and participate.

Fellowship is essential to the "Body of Christ." The convention yearly provides each church with the privilege of selecting messengers to represent it in fellowship with other church representatives throughout the state. Old friendships are renewed and new acquaintances are made. No better opportunity for fellowship is provided the Baptists of Mississippi than this annual gathering. Christian fellowship alone is reason enough for Baptists to meet in Jackson in November.

The state Baptist convention is also a time when the churches of Mississippi join for the purpose of worship. Outstanding preachers, denominational leaders, and musicians will be leading the 1978 meeting in meaningful

experiences of worship. These moments will include thanksgiving for what has been done; inspiration for what is to be done; and a call for commitment to the task ahead. Christian worship in itself is reason enough for Baptists to meet in Jackson Nov. 14-15.

Essentially the state Baptist convention is a time for business. It is the moment when the churches of Mississippi assemble to survey what they have done and approve what they are going to do in the future. Since the Convention owns, aids, supports, and controls schools, colleges, hospitals, Children's Villages, societies, and other agencies and institutions, it is necessary that it meets annually to review the work that is being done and approve budgets for future efforts.

Also the convention provides a time when the trustees of institutions, members of boards, committees, commissions, societies, and agencies, and convention officers are elected. Realizing the significance of such business, this is also reason enough for all Baptists to gather in Jackson Nov. 14-15.

Fellowship, worship, and business — that is what this year's convention will provide for all. Each aspect is important and each needs the presence and participation of all who will be privileged to attend. Plan now to be involved in all three. Such involvement will guarantee a successful culmination to 1978 and an impressive entrance into 1979 for the Baptists of Mississippi.

Letters To The Editor

The Role Of Women

Dear Editor:

Having just read your paper's article on the consultation on women, I feel some clarification is necessary for your readers with regard to the reference made to me therein.

The quote attributed to me is not well stated. Evidently it was taken from a news story written by Connie Davis who had interviewed me at length. I did not speak against the WMU as such. I expressly stated that it was biblically permissible for women to get together to pray for missions and to lend other support. I believe I said: "This women's movement started with organizations like the WMU" — as is evident from the next sentence which speaks of women's organizations in general. However, in the next sentence I meant to say "The women's organizations started to encroach on the work of the church when they started asking to be on church governing bodies (rather than "councils") and be involved in decision-making."

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In her book on the history of the WMU, Alma Hunt wrote that WMU members "felt that the work of the Union would be strengthened if a fair proportion of women could be members of each of the boards of the Convention" (p. 108). That is the sort of thing I had in mind, although the local church council would also be included.

Actually, who asked whom is not that significant. Certainly, men were, and still are, a party to the change from tradition. The point I was making in the interview was that the change began rather innocently, but continued to gather momentum — always under the guise of doing more and better things for the Kingdom — until now the demand is for ordination.

In view of the space your paper's article gave to Frank Staggs' interpretation of Scripture, it would be well — by way of counter-balancing — for your readers to know that former Southern Seminary president John Broadus held "these two passages from the Apostle Paul (1 Cor. 14:34f. and 1 Tim. 2:11-15) do definitely and strongly forbid that women shall speak in mixed public assemblies." He also stated, "I have scarcely ever conversed with any advocate of women's speaking in mixed assemblies who did not, sooner or later, deny the Apostle Paul's inspired authority in the matter" (Feminism, ed. J. S. Porter, 1923, pp. 46, 50).

Willie W. G. Reitzer
Washington, D. C.

A Dangerous Drug

Dear Editor:

We all know that alcohol is more than just a drink — it's a dangerous legalized drug.

We also know that alcohol may be to blame for as many as 200,000 deaths for Americans each year. It's also a factor in diseases, child abuse, marital problems, assaults, robberies, and many other kinds of misery.

When are we going to wake up and start protesting beer advertisements on television? Facts, figures, and pro-

tests got cigarettes off, so why can't we demand the same for beer?

Mrs. Lurline Tabor
Louisville, MS

Liquor Regulations

Dear Editor:

Our church has had two liquor stores open up very close to our buildings. One store is across the street and the other a short way from our property line. We have three liquor stores within one mile.

A little quirk in the law makes this "legal." We attempted to reason with the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, but they held to the letter of the law rather than the intent.

Dick Hall, Representative from Hinds County District 31-A has prefiled a Bill HB52 for the 1979 session of the Mississippi Legislature. This bill would prevent liquor stores from opening within the shadow of our churches, schools, and kindergartens. It is to clarify the original intent of the law.

Would you please pray about HB52 and ask your elected representative to support this bill.

Jack Colvin
Jackson

Appreciation For Help

Dear Editor:

Please let me take this means of thanking the many, many Baptists from your state who have in so many ways helped our missions and churches in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention — Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Your Southern Baptists have come at their own expense to help with building programs, revivals, VBSS, music programs and in various other ways. Their concern, prayers, witness and other work has encouraged our people and has extended the Kingdom throughout this vast area in which we serve. We just could not have done it without them.

If possible, I would write a personal letter of appreciation to each one who has assisted us. However, this seems to be the most feasible way of saying

"Thank you" to so many.

Bold Mission Thrust and its Mission Service Corps is "on the way."

Roy W. Owen
Executive Secretary
Northern Plains Baptist Convention

Volunteer Needed

Dear Editor:

We have a number of smaller churches in our association which need help in strengthening their Sunday schools and other educational programs.

We are located in northern Illinois, in the second fastest growing county in the state. We are hoping God will lead us to some Mission Service Corps volunteer who will come and work with us for two years. This person would work three months in each of eight churches during the two years.

There are no age, sex, or educational requirements. You don't have to be ordained or a seminary graduate. We must have someone with practical know-how, not just theory.

If you are interested, and are willing to raise your own support, write me for details. I will send you information about our area which you can use in raising your support.

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Wood, Allen Protest Vatican Envoy

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Carter's decision to appoint former New York City Mayor Robert Wagner as his new personal representative to the Vatican was criticized by James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and by Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy R. Allen.

"Adequate communication on important issues," Allen declared, "has been and can be established without an official representative in the Vatican."



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Ramona

We missed Ramona last week in GA; she was away on vacation in the Virgin Islands. She and her husband and another couple went there last year and liked it so much they decided to return. The year before last they went to Oregon to ski on Mt. Hood. They're always doing something outdoors like canoeing, backpacking, or camping.

This is the fourth year she and I have worked together with fifth grade Girls in Action at Morrison Heights Church in Clinton. This year we have Casey, Cindy, Ashlyn, Michele, and two Janas.

On Wednesday afternoons at five, the girls and I gather around the table with sort of ho-hum hellos, our ears attuned to the opening of the door. Then in comes Ramona. It's as though we've been sitting in the dark and the lights have suddenly come on. She glows with youthful enthusiasm. Her shiny, brown almost-shoulder length hair swinging, her blue-green eyes flashing, she enters with a cheerful greeting.

I guessed that she was a mathematician when I noticed her flair for being completely neat and organized, everything under control.

Every week she brings the GA supplies in a suitcase, all exactly in order — scissors in one plastic bag, pens in one, magic markers in one, and construction paper, maps, missions information in their appointed places, readily available.

And I was right. She majored in accounting at Mississippi State, and is an auditor. She is managing accountant in the state Department of Audit, which audits state agencies.

At State University, she met Lucian Hill, who is plant manager of the telephone company's repair service for the Jackson residential area. He was born in Sharkey County and she is a native of Philadelphia. They live at 502

Rock Glen in Clinton.

When we study a unit she wants it carried out thoroughly or not done at all. It's the same if we're doing something for fun. She plans well in advance.

Whether it's a Missions Adventures picnic at the zoo, or a spend-the-night outing on a lake at Pelahatchie, or a party on the church lawn, she is always equipped with home baked cookies, drinks, study materials — everything we need. Of course, I try to help, but I usually manage to forget something.

Ramona is lots of fun. The girls love her and she loves them. But when she reprimands them, they listen.

About three years ago we had a GA spend the night party at my house. After midnight I shut my bedroom door, went to bed, and went to sleep. Girls had brought sleeping bags, but sleep was not on their agenda. Ramona went to bed, but not to sleep. At 4 a.m. girls were in my back yard swinging in my hammock (a gift from a missionary and made by Indians in Honduras). When the hammock broke, Ramona gave the girls such a scolding that they all thought they were going to have to fly to Honduras to buy me another. Not angry — just firm.

She is a beautiful woman for God and a strong believer in missions. Five or six years ago, she joined Morrison Heights, having grown up in the Methodist church. Bible study had convinced her that immersion was the scriptural method of baptism, so when she began attending our church she said she felt it was the place the Lord wanted her to be.

Life is a continual chorus of hellos and goodbyes. I am sad when I must be separated from old friends, but then new faces await me. From the hundreds of young adults at Morrison Heights, I'm glad that God caused my path to cross that one of Ramona Hill.

Book Reviews

THE MORNING AFTER DEATH

by L. D. Johnson (Broadman, \$5.95, 150 pp.) A father relives the wonder of a daughter's growing up and the crushing sorrow of her death, to help others be honest with their grief while trusting God. Johnson is chaplain and professor of religion at Furman University, and a former pastor. His daughter, Carole, was killed in an automobile crash just after her 23rd birthday. In this book Carole speaks through the prose and poetry of letters written to her family. While introducing his daughter, Johnson at the same time gives a candid account of the inner life of a pastor's family.

THE MOON IS NOT ENOUGH

by Mary Irwin with Madalene Harris (Zondervan, 175 pp., \$6.95) On July 26, 1971, James Irwin went to the moon, but his wife Mary stayed home. Cameras were focused on both. Being thrust into the public eye brought tremendous pressure to the young wife and mother. As a result of early life experiences, Mary has battled with deep insecurity, guilt, and emotional distress. Inner turmoil carried her to the brink of emotional breakdown and to the brink of divorce. In this book she describes her inner struggles and the blind alleys she traveled seeking inner peace. Her victory is a challenge to all to realize there is hope, no matter how dark the horizon. How Mary Irwin "gets it all together" is the theme of this book.

LIVING IN LOVE

by Richard L. Strauss (Tyndale, paper, 141 pp., \$3.95) Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, David and Bethsheba, Boaz and Ruth, Joseph and Mary, Aquila and Priscilla, and others — Richard Strauss has studied these Bible marriages, and gives in-depth accounts, highlighting the positive benefits to be

enjoyed as well as the pitfalls to be avoided. Each study includes questions which can be discussed, helping the readers enrich their own marriages through the lessons to be learned in Bible marriages. Strauss is senior pastor of Emmanuel Faith Community Church, Escondido, Calif.

NOT READY TO WALK ALONE

by Judith Fabish (Zondervan, 122 pp., \$5.95) The author, who was widowed at 35 after 15 years of marriage, has written a refreshingly frank guide to widowhood, using her own personal experiences for reference. From the first confusing hours of widowhood to the eventual possible consideration of remarriage, from the practical matter of settling an estate to the lonely cry in "Nobody Touches Me Any More," this is a biblical, God-centered approach to the emotional, spiritual, physical, and financial problems every widow faces.

DICTIONARY-HANDBOOK TO

"HYMNS FOR THE LIVING CHURCH" by Donald P. Hustad (Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, Ill., 364 pp., \$12.95) This volume, the first published companion to an interdenominational hymnal, contains background material on almost 600 hymns and over 500 tunes, and biographical information on 641 authors and composers. Also it includes material on contemporary hymns and folk hymns and on recent gospel songs and their writers. In addition, the book contains a brief history of the Hope Publishing Company, a leading independent publisher of church music in America. Hustad, a former organist for Billy Graham Crusades, is professor of church music and professor of organ at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Too, he is senior editor of Hope Publishing Co.

25% Of Broadmoor Members Give Blood To Regional Center In Jackson

Broadmoor Church in Jackson recently displayed Christian love and community concern by conducting a series of blood drives through the Mississippi Regional Blood Center.

David Grant, pastor, and the congregation supported the drive; 206 units of blood were collected. Over 25 percent of the 1200 families made donations. Thus the entire church family has earned donor protection.

By achieving Group Donor Protection each member and his/her dependent family is protected against pro-

cessing fees and replacement fees (blood charges) for one year from the date of donation. The protection applies to blood charges remaining after health insurance, Blue Cross, Medicare, Workman's Compensation and other existing coverage programs have been utilized.

There is a ten day waiting period after donation and there is no dollar limit on this protection. In order to achieve group protection 25 percent of a group must donate with a minimum of 25 donors.

For small groups the Mississippi Regional Blood Center offers a plan whereby 20 percent of the group can donate and receive donor protection for the entire group as long as at least ten members donate. To qualify for this plan the members must come into the center rather than have a mobile blood unit come to the church.

Any church interested in knowing more about participating in a blood drive such as Broadmoor's can contact the Mississippi Regional Blood Center in Jackson at 981-3232.



James Travis, Professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College, right, and Milton Koon, pastor of Gaston Church, discuss dedication day activities at Gaston.

Gaston Church Dedicates New Building

James Travis was the guest speaker at Gaston Church (Prentiss Association) on Oct. 15 for dedication of a new education and activities building.

The day began with the highest attendance in the history of the church. The old record was 208, but the new record is 214.

The new facility, 70' x 140', has a modern kitchen, and educational space for children and youth departments, full-size basketball court, (which is also a fellowship room) storage area, game room, and conference room. The cost of this multi-purpose building was kept to \$105,000 because the members did some of the work.

According to Milton Koon, pastor, the church gave in excess of \$30,000 this past year to the building fund in addition to exceeding the regular church budget.

Straight Bayou Harvest Day Is November 5

Harvest Day will be held at Straight Bayou Church (Sharkey-Issaquena) Sunday, Nov. 5, according to announcement by the pastor, J. Harold Jones.

Guest speaker for the 11 a.m. worship hour will be Clyde C. Carraway, pastor of Silver City Church, a former pastor at Straight Bayou.

Congregational singing will be led by Dr. and Mrs. Dan Jones of Laurel. Jones is a former member at Straight Bayou and is the youngest son of pastor and Mrs. Jones.

The Stokes Trio of Greenville will feature the afternoon service of special music and testimony. This service at 1:45 will follow a Harvest Day noon meal on the church grounds.

During the morning worship hour the church's annual Harvest Day offering will be made.

Bowlin Begins Construction

October 29 was Building Fund Day at Bowlin in Attala County. The church has begun construction of a new education building.

Walter Hines, pastor, brought the morning message. A goal of \$1,000 was set for the offering, to be used toward furnishing the building. Dinner was served at the church.

The new \$21,328 facility will be of heavy duty metal. The contractor is Tri-State Engineering of West.

The building will provide nursery, preschool department, kitchen, bathrooms, four classrooms, and fellowship hall. Members hope to be using it by the first of January, 1979.

The church has been full-time since September, 1976, although it is 99 years old. It now has a full program except for Brotherhood and WMU.

For the church year, 1976-77, Bowlin was number two in the state in per capita increase in giving. For 1977-78 it was number two in Attala Association in per capita giving. While it is number 27 in resident members in the association, it rated 15 in total missions gifts and 16 in total gifts. It rates number 7 out of 32 churches in per capita giving to total missions.

The church began a building fund in September, 1976, and has promoted it since with special days for the fund.

A centennial celebration is being planned for next year. Bowlin was admitted to the Attala Association in 1881, after being organized in 1879. It had the first standard Sunday School in the association.

Morgan City Has Senior Adult Day

Morgan City Church celebrated Senior Adult Appreciation Day on Oct. 22. Alice Faye Davies, Betty Ancheta, and Kaye Toney from Southside Church in Jackson presented special music. Each senior adult was given a flower to be worn. Young and old alike publicly shared what the senior adults had meant to them and to the church.

Following the morning service dinner for the congregation was provided by the under-65 group of adults.

The purpose of the celebration was to set aside a special day of recognition for the older adults in the church. Pastor Glenn Simmons said he felt that the occasion tremendously aided in unifying the various ages. "The time of sharing was especially meaningful as adults of all ages praised God for his leading hand in the church," he said.

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Staff Changes

Calvary (Noxubee) welcomes its new pastor, Barry Almsbury, his wife Donna, and their daughter Amy.

Brooksville church has called David McCormick of Vicksburg, presently a student at MSU, as director of music. Sunday, Oct. 15, was his first official Sunday.

Ron Kenemeyer has accepted a call to be minister of music and youth at Mt. Zion Church, Rankin County. He is a student at Hinds Junior College. Nick Spring is the Mt. Zion pastor.

John Mark Jones is the new minister of music at Calvary Church in Newton. A first-year student at Clarke College.



Jones

he plans to major in music. He is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Ephesus Church, Scott County.

Millard L. Swinney has accepted the pastorate of the Sardis Lake Church, Panola Association. He will also be preaching at the Hayes Crossing Mission, sponsored by Sardis Lake Church. He and his wife moved from Abbeville Church. He is now serving as president of the Northwest Pastors' Conference, and will be Chaplain for the Civil Defense of Panola County. The Swinneys were welcomed to the church with a reception and a pantry shower.

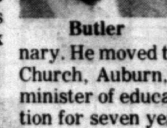
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Frank Butler has joined the staff of Jackson's First Church as the new minister to single adults. He will direct the program ministry involving 700 single and college young adult members of the church.

Butler is a native of Miami, Fla., a graduate of Georgetown College in Kentucky, and Southern Seminary. He moved to Jackson from First Church, Auburn, Ala., where he was minister of education and administration for seven years.



Butler

Oakland Will Hold Bible Conference

A Bible Conference will be November 6, 7 and 8 at Oakland Church, Corinth, Tommy Vinson, pastor.

Speakers will be: Nov. 6 - Mike Burcynski, Bobby Moore; Nov. 7 - Lowell Johnson, John Bramlett; Nov. 8 - Kara Blackard, James Welch. Services will begin at 7 p.m.

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Go Ye . . . To Hawaii

By Carolyn Ellis, Greenwood

"Go Ye . . . to Hawaii." That is what the Lord was telling me. "But I can't afford a \$700 trip." I replied. "Go ye to Hawaii" the Lord kept saying. "But it will take a miracle for me to be able to afford the trip, Lord," but I do believe in miracles. I know you can provide the way."

And provide the way He did. Not only for me but for 22 other women and one man from all over the United States mainland. We had been invited to be mini-missionaries by the Home Mission Board and the WMU in co-operation with Sue Nishikawa, executive secretary of Hawaii WMU to conduct Leadership Conferences with an emphasis on direct evangelism.

On September 30, I joined Martha Nelson and Leila Mae Webb at the airport in Jackson. Martha is the wife of Pastor Carl Nelson, First Church, Pelahatchie; she is the coordinator of Caring Touch. Leila Mae is wife of Allen Webb, pastor of Ingalls Avenue, Pascagoula. Martha and Laura Fry, National Evangelism Consultant with Women organized the trip.

We were all given name badges in the shape of the mainland United States. These opened doors of opportunity for many of us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Leila Webb was engaged in conversation by a man on one of the tour buses. He asked so many questions that she realized he was a seeker. She and Martha Nelson started searching through their purses for some literature to give him and the only available scripture was Leila Webb's leather Bible that had been a gift. She took it out and wrote the plan of Salvation scriptures on the back page and gave it to the inquirer. He promised her he would keep the Bible.

When we arrived in Honolulu we were met at the airport by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Askew and Sue Nishikawa. Our hotel was the Waikiki Village with a view of Diamondhead and the ocean.

Sunday we visited various churches where it is the custom to greet guests with a lei and a kiss. It was the first time some of us had ever been kissed by a Baptist preacher.

Sunday night I visited the Nuuanu Baptist Church with my cousins, Linda and Tommy Watt and children, Lisa and Andy. Tommy is the academic dean of the Hawaiian Baptist Academy. He also has a hotel ministry and preaches at the Holiday Inn near Waikiki Beach every Sunday morning at 9 with an average attendance of 50 people. (In Hawaii Sunday School is at 9 and Church at 10.)

The pastor, Joe Sanders, wore a brightly colored shirt and a white flower lei to preach that night.

Atteen Cookbook

I talked to the Nuuanu Atteens Leader, Rose Kohashicawa. She said the girls are working hard to send ten to the National Atteen Conference in Kansas City next summer. They have compiled an Atteen Cookbook with Hawaiian recipes. (They are available from Nuuanu Baptist Church, 2010 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817, for \$5 plus postage.)

Our group's first assignment was taking a poll on the International Market Place. Our first question was "Do you have a Bible in your home?" I talked to a beautiful Hawaiian girl who



Leila Mae Webb of Pascagoula, second from right, was one of three Mississippians who went to Hawaii to help conduct leadership conferences.

was selling oysters and guaranteed a pearl inside each oyster. She did not have a Bible but accepted my "Good News" Coloring Book with scripture verses for her five children.

The Good News Coloring Book is published by the American Bible Society and is listed in their catalog as a coloring book for adults. It sells for 15 cents and is a great tool for witnessing. We wished that we had taken 100 instead of 10 because it made our efforts at witnessing much stronger.

On a bus tour of the Baptist work in Honolulu we visited the Waialeale Baptist Church which was built by the Lottie Moon Offering. They have a language ministry. We stopped at five other churches and also visited at the headquarters of the Hawaii Baptist Convention. Just behind convention headquarters is the Baptist dormitory for the University of Hawaii, and next door is the University Baptist Student Center.

When Hawaii became a state and was no longer eligible for funds from the Lottie Moon Offering, the convention went into the real estate business. They own Makiki Highrise which helps support the convention.

Baptist Academy

At the Hawaiian Baptist Academy we were served Hawaiian Punch while we gathered to listen to Colonel Segart, retiring president of the academy. He said that the Academy wins 80 to 100 students to Christ each year. Most come to Christ through friends their own age.

The academy has the highest academic standards of any school on the islands. They had 300 applicants for the 7th grade last year and could only accept 40. Though the school has no gym it still has produced champion athletes.

On Tuesday and Wednesday my group went to the University Baptist Church to lead a craft project with the elderly at their Day Care Center. Most of the elderly were Japanese and spoke to us through an interpreter. This is a service to working people who have no one to care for their aged relatives. They take them to the center on their way to work and arrange to pick them up again at 4:30 in the afternoon. They pay up to \$175 month for this service.

They receive excellent care - exer-

cise, mental and physical - craft workshops. While we were there we heard the String Quartet of the Hawaiian Symphony Orchestra play for them. The Baptist churches reach many for Christ through their day care ministry.

Other groups went to the office of Central Baptist Church where they helped address envelopes to be used in a campaign to raise money for the Hawaiian Baptist Academy, while others made a telephone survey. Still others went to the Hula Show sponsored by Kodak and took a similar poll to the one we had taken in the Market place.

One of the groups had a puppet ministry which was led by Frances Maynell, Mission Friend Director for Maryland. She had written scripts which effectively presented the plan of salvation to children. She and her group were assigned to work at a home for neglected children. She taught them how to sing "Jesus Loves Me" and one little boy walked up to her and asked "Who is Jesus?" Frances said the whole trip was worth it just to tell that one child about Jesus.

Leila Webb, Dorothy Lamberth and I enjoyed a visit with Mississippian Coleman Chong of Ita Bena, in the little town of Kanehe. Coleman is a missionary pastor and his ministry is supported by the Home Mission Board. His church, Kahalau Baptist Chapel, was built from a two car garage. One of his little girl's bedrooms serves as the nursery for Sunday School while another serves for the pre-schoolers. Coleman's wife came to Christ through the day school ministry. Coleman was led to Christ through his R.A. leader, of Ita Bena, Miss. She is known in our area as Dr. Webb's mother.

Hawaiians have fruit names for everyone. They call Coleman a banana because they say he is "yellow on the outside and white on the inside." Evidently they think he is Caucasian on the inside.

Coleman has eight families in his church. Leila, Dorothy, and I felt that truly Christ was in the midst of us as we sat in Coleman's living room and prayed together.

Joe Odle At Luau

My WMU Leadership Conference Group included Martha Nelson, Ruth West, and Terry South the only man on the trip. Bonnie Margason, and me. We were driven on a fast and furious ride by Mrs. Cook to the little town of Kailua, where the pastor John Armistead is from Meridian.

I talked to two young mothers about organizing a Mission Friend Group. Later at a luau we were told that one of the mothers had accepted the leadership responsibility for the Mission Friend group.

Our last day in Hawaii, Sue Nishakawa had arranged for us to use one of the academy buses to travel to Haleiwa where the deacons of the First Baptist Church had prepared a luau in our honor.

Along the way we saw pineapple and sugarcane fields and stopped to take pictures at the first Baptist church organized in Hawaii. It was begun by a retired Canadian business man who started a Sunday School in a park pavilion. The Wahiaka Baptist Church has been the "birth place" of many outstanding Hawaiian Christians.

We wore muumuu to the luau and were given leis made by the women in the church. There were 204 people at the luau, among them Joe and Mable Odle, retired Baptist Record editor and his wife. He is interim pastor at Pearl Harbor Church. As we boarded the bus, the women of the Waikiki Church sang "Aloha."



Bethel Dedicates Pastorium

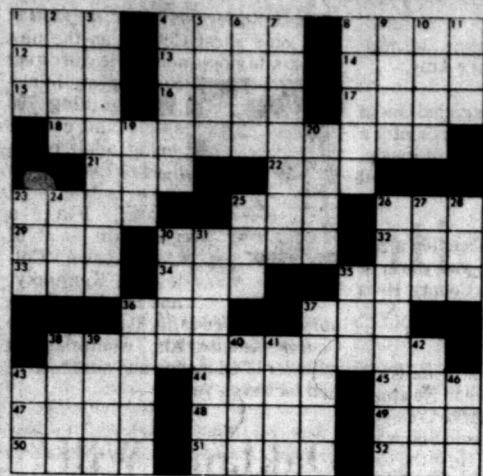
BETHEL CHURCH, COPIAH ASSOCIATION, Hazlehurst, celebrated dedication services and open house on Oct. 22, for its new \$50,000 pastorium. The pastor, Ricky Kennedy, moved into the home on September 24. The church sponsored stewardship promotion toward this project and the building is debt-free. The Committee, left to right: Paul Wayne Hutchison, Sam Farmer, Jimmy Palmer, and Ricky Kennedy. Not pictured, Herman Granger, Jr. Also, Bethel has constructed a new Family Life Center, which provides for skating, basketball, volleyball, and various other games. Kennedy states that his people at Bethel have an outstanding record in stewardship. Since his coming as pastor in 1976, the church has almost doubled in monthly giving.

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17 "look out —"
(Luke 10:35)
18 Long time
19 Born
20 Son of Helem
(1 Chron. 7:35)
21 A proselyte of
Antioch (Acts 6:5)
22 Fruit part
23 Servant
24 Place (Isa. 30:4)
25 Curl
26 Oklahoma town
27 Not coarse
28 Proceeded
29 Plant part
30 Machine part
31 Snake

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are —" (Luke 10)
4 "Is — abroad"
(Rom. 5)
8 "and — of heart"
(Luke 24)
12 Macaw genus
13 They walk
(Matt. 11:5)
14 Color
15 Poet's contraction
16 The Red
17 Plain (Amos 1:5)
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21 Small demon
22 Female deer
23 "He that covereth
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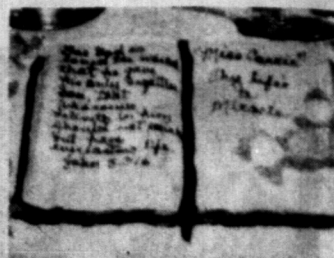
26 Number of servants
(Luke 19:13)
29 O. T. book: abbr.
30 Spice
31 One is past
(Rev. 9:12)
32 Being
34 Wire measure
35 Cornbread
36 Pouch
37 Body joint
38 "in him a —"
(John 4)
43 City of Galilee
(John 2:1)
44 Mortgage
45 City of the priests
(1 Sam. 22:19)
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The cake cooked to honor Mrs. Corrie Jones had John 3:16 inscribed on one side and a quotation from "King Lear" on the other, "Thy life is a miracle." It was shaped as an open Bible.

Gunter Leads Lay Renewal At Trinity

Trinity Church (Rankin) under the leadership of Earnest Gunter of Tupelo, participated in a Lay Renewal weekend Sept. 22-24. Gunter, along with 24 team members, from various Southern Baptist Churches, conducted the first phase of "Journey Into Lifestyle." This program is sponsored by the Home Mission Board, SBC.

The pastor, O. Lyn Nations, states that he would strongly recommend a Lay Renewal for every church. "It is the only program led by laymen to involve every individual. The preparation alone will revive a lot of lost interest among many church members," Nations went on to say. "The Lay Renewal is designed so that children, youth, and adults are all involved and it has an outreach that the normal revival emphasis does not have."

If any church is interested in a Lay Renewal, contact the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Taylor Church Salutes Corrie Jones, Teacher

Corrie Jones Appreciation Day was celebrated recently at Taylor Church, honoring one of the community's oldest citizens and Baptists. Mrs. Jones was given a ring set with opals and diamonds in appreciation of her long and faithful years of service to the church.

The pastor, James Fondren, spoke on the subject, "Is it Well With Thee?", reflecting upon the security and assurance of a life well spent.

"We want it known that we are not honoring age today, but rather that we are honoring service," he said.

Mrs. Jones began her service in church at the age of nine years, playing the old-fashioned pump organ for both the Methodists and the Baptists. From the age of 13, and for 68 years, she has taught Sunday School. She still teaches the Senior Ladies' class at Taylor Church. She is a graduate of Woman's College (now Carey) and of University of Mississippi.

"She has helped to shape the spiritual lives of countless people," said her pastor. "She is a strong believer and teacher. She can be dogmatic where dogmatism is obviously indicated, flexible where common-sense issues can best be resolved by flexibility, and two-fisted in either area, once she is convinced of the rightness of it."

For about 50 years she has arranged and brought to the church, the flowers which, for the most part, she grew in her yard. Many times she has walked up the hill to the church carrying her arrangements, "because they sometimes get disarranged in the car."

She worked tirelessly to raise funds, in earlier years, for the building of the present church building. She set up a church library, served as Training Union Director, and was WMS Presi-

dent, to name a few of her duties of past years.

While performing all these she was carrying a full load of family related responsibilities and civic duties. She taught English, Latin, and French in public schools for 41 years.

"She has played a tremendous role in molding the minds and lives of children and adults alike," said the pastor.

In the afternoon friends and relatives, many of whom were former pupils of "Miss Corrie," gathered in the fellowship hall of the church to share a tea prepared by the church women.

Later one friend said of Mrs. Jones, "Her life is truly a miracle. One of her greatest ministries, and one that goes almost unnoticed, is that of giving books, poems, quotations, clippings from magazines and newspapers, anything and everything that might be of help to someone who has a need, a sorrow, or a problem."

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In Names The News

First Church, Potts Camp, honored Marshall Clifton and John Hale, deacons, on Sept. 24. Clifton and Hale are part of the deacon family ministry plan of the church, and part of the deacon rotation system. Both will be eligible for re-election after one year. Hale has served as deacon since 1971 and Clifton since 1964. Each will serve with an active deacon as yokeman in the deacon family ministry plan for the coming year. Alvis K. Cooper is pastor.



Byron Harbin and his family were given a birthday party by the McLaurin Church before returning to their mission field in Recife, Brazil. Both Byron Harbin and his wife (the former Dora Anne Dunkley of McLaurin) have October birthdays. Instead of individual gifts, a money tree was given, containing \$300. Pictured behind the tree are Patricia, Harbin, Mrs. Harbin, Deborah, and, in front of his father, Christopher.



Michael L. McMahan, a native of Batesville, Miss., and assistant professor of biology at Campbellsville College in Kentucky, is author of a manuscript that has been accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington, it has been announced by a spokesman for the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution. The manuscript is entitled "Anatomical notes on Lutodrilus multivesiculatus (Annelida: Oligochaeta)." McMahan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McMahan, received an M. S. degree in biology from Ole Miss and Ph. D. in zoology from LSU.

Puckett Church honored Jimmy D. Carr and his family with an appreciation fellowship in the church social hall. Carr, his wife Elaine, and children Tomarrah and Jimmy, have moved to Puckett, where he is the new pastor. Prentiss Calhoun, chairman of deacons, led in the special service. The church presented gifts of groceries and canned items to the Carrs.



Sonny Kelly was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Trinity Church, Pearl. Kelly has been called as pastor of New Prospect Church, Leake County. Participants in the ordination service were Bill Beam, pastor of Lawrence Church; Max Jones of Henderson Road Church; and Larry Ainsworth, who led the singing. O. Lyn Nations, pastor of Trinity Church, delivered the ordination sermon. Kelly and his wife Faye have moved on the church field. They have one daughter, Dana.

Emile Rousseau, pastor of Calvary Church, Siloam Springs, Ark., is among the 12 Southern Baptist pastors preaching in revivals in Hong Kong this month. Rousseau is a native of Mississippi. Dennis Johnsey, pastor of First Church, Summit, and Benton Hewitt, Summit doctor, are also taking part in the three-weeks crusade. The three departed, with others, on Oct. 28, and will return to the States Nov. 20. The campaign in the stadium Nov. 2-5 is part of a Foreign Mission Board evangelism emphasis. It is to be followed by evangelistic campaigns in the Hong Kong Baptist churches Nov. 5-19. The series is the climax of a two-year campaign in Hong Kong which included church membership training and involvement in witness-

Barry L. Gates, former pastor of Union Seminary Church (Jasper) has been called to serve as pastor of the North Delaware Baptist Church in Royerton, Ind. A graduate of William Carey College, he is currently a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He is married to the former Carol Allen, daughter of Wade Allen, director of missions for Pontotoc Association, and Mrs. Allen. Carol is employed by the seminary as a secretary. Gates' seminary address is P. O. Box 1052, S.B.TS, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

The Escatawpa Church has presented Sunday School perfect attendance pins to the following: 18 years — Mrs. Quinton Kittrell and Mrs. Sandy Dearman; 14 years — Fred Eckert; nine years — Steve Goff, Cheryl Goff, and Eileen Goff; eight years — Zeta Nolf, Carolyn Carney, and Reggie Carney; two years — Bobby Faris, Mark Graham, Johnny Hanson, Shirley Graham, Kim Graham, Larry Benjamin, and Ben Benjamin; one year — Brandon McCrory and Mrs. Lena Epps. Ralph H. Young was pastor for this church year, but has retired. Don Cawthon is Sunday School director.

Greenfield Church, Greenville has replaced three men rotating off the deacon council and added one, to increase the council from nine to ten. The church will elect one deacon a year until the council increases to 12. Four elected to serve were Perry Poss, Larry Thomas, Ken Diamond, and Jim Dozier. Of these four, Larry Thomas, Ken Diamond, and Jim Dozier were ordained on Sept. 24.

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Just For The Record

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IMMANUEL CHURCH, VICKSBURG, broke ground for a new brick building on October 1. The structure will include a 600-seat sanctuary and an education building. This will complete the second phase of the building program begun 13 years ago. The contract was awarded to Kings, Inc. of Dallas, Tex. Their bid was \$455,000. Three members of the company President Jim Dawkins, Architect Jack Lewis, and Construction Superintendent Sherwood Carlson participated in the groundbreaking service.

Members of the building committee are Bobby Tullos, chairman, Donnis Banks, Donald Cross, and Jack Tillotson. Guy Gray is pastor.



CALVARY CHURCH, CORINTH, broke ground Sept. 17 for a new educational building. Pictured in front are the pastor and building committee. Left to right: Gerald Wegman, B. Dan Taylor, Wayne Marshall (pastor), James Newcomb, and Jan Barnett. Bill Nelson (not pictured) also was on the committee. Lunch was served following the ceremony. Work on the new structure began Sept. 25, 1978, with Travis Wallace as contractor. Work should be completed by the new year.



ACTEEN QUEENS taking part in the recent GA/Acteen Coronation at First Church, Yazoo City, were (left to right): Queen-Regent-in-Servant Julie Vandevender, Queen-Midnighter Melissa Stewart, and Queen-With-Scepter Diane Long. Mission Friends Carman Henley and Nina Sharpe acted as pages.



ACTEEN-GA RECOGNITION service was held at First Church, Eupora on Sept. 17. The following were recognized:

GA's, top photo: bottom row, left to right, Jennifer Taylor, Emmy Brantley, Bobbie Mann, Stephanie Stephens, Patricia Willingham, Leslie Hubbard, Jill Gibson, Audrey Hill; second row, left to right, Cheryl Miller, Amanda Wise, Tracey Dean, Elaine Reid, Paula Allen, Carol Herrod, Charla Perkins; top row, left to right, Amber Clanton, Laura Wright, Robin Gary, Leigh Lane, Suzanne Simpson and Gina Rowlen.

Acteens, bottom photo, recognized were bottom row left to right: Dana Patterson, Carla Cain, Melinda Ray, Marsha Herrod, Judy Gibson, Donna Bowen, Dawn Powell, Kay Sneed, top row left to right, Lauren Stewart, Leigh Stewart, Cindy Morrow, Lisa Elkins, Suzanne Gifford, Calisse Breazeale, Barbara Bowen, Lori Franklin.



TWENTY GIRLS IN ACTION of First Church, Yazoo City, took part in a Recognition Service recently. Mrs. Owen Cooper presided. Girls receiving the Mission Adventures pin, the highest girls in action official award, were Ashley Grisham, Robin Sikes, and Malinda Walker. (Pictures courtesy Carol Hall, YAZOO DAILY HERALD).



CLEARY CHURCH, RANKIN COUNTY, bought a new parsonage on Sept. 1. Members dedicated it on Oct. 15, and held open house. Timothy R. Williams, pastor since May 1 of this year, and his family, have moved into the new home. Williams holds the Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. Formerly he was pastor of New Salem Church in Franklin County. He is married to the former Glennis Williams of Dothan, Ala. They have two children, David and Kevin, pictured above.

Simpson Association began a Seminary Extension Program at the Association Center October 12. The Basic Level Course "Understanding the Bible" taught by David Yeager has an enrollment of 15. The College Level Course "How to Understand the Bible" taught by Caley Ray Nichols has 25 enrolled. H. Glen Schilling, Director of Missions of Simpson Association is Director of the Seminary Extension.

BIBLE PUZZLE ANSWERS
(Continued from page 6)

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"Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called" (1 Cor. 7:20).

Chunky Church homecoming will be Nov. 5. The morning speaker will be James Street of Newton.

The program will begin with Sunday School at 9:45. A covered-dish dinner will be served. Singing at 1:30 p.m. will be under direction of Mrs. Marguerite McGee. Church Training is at 6 and evening worship at 7. Offering for the day will be used to help pay for the redecoration of the sanctuary, according to Curtis Guess, pastor.

Parkway, Jackson, will feature an intensive study of the Book of Revelation November 5-8. The study will be led by Bill Causey, pastor. On Sunday, November 5, the study will begin at 5:45 p.m. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the study will be held at 7 p.m. All sessions will meet in the church sanctuary, 2603 W. Capitol Street, Jackson. Nursery will be provided for children birth through 5 years of age.



Arkadelphia Church (Lauderdale) held its GA Recognition Service Oct. 1. Two girls received Adventure 1 badges; five received collars for Mission Adventure efforts; five received GA pins for good attendance. Mrs. Joyce Cook is leader. Mrs. Bonnie Harbour is assistant leader.

THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM
Baptist Children's Village
P. O. Box 11308 Jackson, MS 39213

Happy Thanksgiving



On the Flag Chapel Drive Campus near Jackson; on the Farrow Manor Campus near Independence; in the Satellite Home at New Albany; the heart of every member of "Mississippi's largest family" — The Children's Village family — is joined in a special, prayerful expression of thanks for our friends. To you and yours, included as you are among our special friends, we gratefully extend this greeting of gratitude, on behalf of the boys and girls who are our responsibility.

For the goodness of God and the thoughtfulness of generous friends, we give thanks every day, for without you our essential but expensive mission ministry could not survive. But, we are Americans who have been favored by friends and we are Christians who have been blessed by God, and we want to say more. So, we joyfully lift our voices as we join other favored Americans and blessed Christians in a November hymn of thanksgiving!

As we formally begin the HOLIDAY SEASON, so important and meaningful to Village children, "now thank we all our God for you."

Sincerely,

Paul N. Nunnery

PAUL N. NUNNERY
Executive Director

"Christmas Sparkles at The Village," our attractive and unusual choral music concert and "show," will be presented for the 14th year on the second weekend in December in Hester Activities Building on our Jackson campus. As usual, all friends of The Village and its children are cordially invited to be our guests at one of these performances. Ruth Glaze, Director of our Department of Music, and her associate, Sharon Stone, indicate that a combined choir of about 140 boys and girls from the Jackson campus will perform both sacred and secular music of the season and the program will, as usual, include a number of special musical features. There is no charge for admission. Mrs. Glaze and Miss Stone have joined Executive Director Nunnery in calling attention to a new, third performance, being added on Thursday, December 7, for the first time, in 1978. This performance is expressly intended for friends of The Village and its Music Department who are included in or who must accompany very young children, individuals or groups in the "golden age" classification or anyone having a physical handicap which makes it impossible or unwise for him to attend the Friday or Saturday evening performance because of the large crowds normally expected on those evenings. Remember, "Christmas Sparkles at The Village" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, December 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 P.M. Come, be our guest and bring your family and friends!

With deep humility and gratitude, The Baptist Children's Village announces receipt of a substantial gift in memory of the late William King Self of Marks, Mississippi, contributed by business associates of the late Mr. Self who respect and treasure the impact and memory of his life. The donors have directed that income from this memorial gift be used, "to help provide higher education, or for medical, professional and/or clinical services for children in custody which would otherwise not be available out of regular funds."

The Baptist Children's Village has announced the establishment of "LEROY CROCKETT MEMORIAL FUND," and through earnings from that fund, the inauguration of a plan to underwrite, in part, health costs of boys and girls who live on Farrow Manor Campus, a branch facility of The Children's Village in Tate County. The announcement revealed that Mr. Leland Gough, President of Peoples Bank in Senatobia, Mrs. LeRoy Crockett of Independence and Mrs. Linda Ogg of Coldwater, Mississippi, acting as Special Trustees of a fund accumulated through gifts of honor, tribute and memory to Mr. Crockett, have assigned the fund in its aggregate to The Village, in trust, as a memorial to the late Tate County Supervisor. In reviewing the needs of The Village and its children, the Special Trustees concluded that earnings from the Trust, so established, could best be utilized for application toward medical and health care expenses of the Farrow Manor Campus children, and that use of the fund for such purpose, represented an appropriate and effective tribute to Mr. Crockett's memory.

Private homes interested in entertaining a Village child during the Christmas holiday are urged to promptly contact Mrs. Clair Nowlin,

Director of Social Service, The Baptist Children's Village, Box 11308, Jackson, 39213. Mrs. Nowlin's office will arrange holidays for Village children at all locations, including Farrow Manor Campus and the New Albany home. Holiday dates for the Jackson Campus and for the New Albany home have been fixed to begin on Thursday, December 21 and end on Sunday, December 31. Holiday dates for the Farrow Manor Campus have been fixed to begin on Saturday, December 23 and end on Wednesday, January 3. If you have not served as a host for a Village child in recent years, you will need the unqualified endorsement of a Baptist pastor in your home area. Please indicate preferences, if any, and understand that we must serve approved holiday hosts on a "first come first served" basis. Younger children are normally first invited. If you are interested, write or call Mrs. Nowlin immediately.

Halloween is one of the happier, more exciting times for the boys and girls who live on The Village's Jackson campus, because it includes an evening of traditional Halloween fun, all arranged under safe and controlled conditions on the campus, and because the innovative and imaginative ideas for fun which are supplied through the talent and energy of Coach John L. Self, Director of Activities at The Children's Village, keeps everyone busy for a number of days before October 31. In recent years, an expansive holiday carnival and "spook house" has been added to the customary "trick or treat" fun for Village children. Staged, like all indoor activities on the Jackson campus, in Hester Activities Building, the horror house alone occupies about 1/3 of the building space and requires several days to construct. Older teen-agers at The Village assist Coach Self in providing the chil-

ling surprises in this exhibit. The carnival, including cake-walks to music and various games of skill and contests, all appropriate to the season, occupies the entire floor of the gymnasium, with booths staffed by older Village teenagers. The snack-bar, selling foods prepared by Village housemothers to the children at modest cost, supplies the finances necessary to underwrite the expense of the carnival. Each year the setting and the features of this exciting occasion are a bit different, and many off-campus friends of The Village in the Jackson area drive to our facility just to watch the children having fun. Coach Self has drawn national and favorable attention to himself and to The Children's Village on several occasions because of his vigorous program of therapeutic play activities. The evening of wholesome fun for the children at Halloween, planned and conducted under wholesome and safe circumstances, represents one of the attractive features of Coach Self's program which is so valuable to us and which has brought him so much attention and praise.

On November 10, more than 40 staff members from The Baptist Building, led by Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will pay a "state visit" to our campus in Jackson. At a luncheon to be hosted by Mr. T. Deane Rodgers, our Assistant Executive Director, Mr. Henry M. Glaze, Home Life Director on our Jackson campus and 4 of the cottages, our Jackson staff will be afforded a time of fellowship with these friends and colleagues who represent other areas and departments of the Mississippi Baptist mission assignment. Succeeding the luncheon, selected Department Directors from The Children's Village will briefly address the group, explaining in detail the nature of our

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Mrs. Ester M. Tisdale
Housemother with girls
10 years of service

child care assignment, our objectives, and the manner in which each Department at The Village addresses those objectives. A tour of the Jackson campus facilities will conclude this "special" day, arranged by Mr. Rodgers of our staff to better acquaint our Baptist Building friends with The Village and its ministry.

Work Starts On Mauritius, Suspended In Seychelles

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptists will begin work on Mauritius, a 720-square-mile island in the Indian Ocean, 500 miles east of Madagascar, but suspend work in the Seychelles.

Mauritius will be part of the new Indian Ocean Islands Mission, approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its October meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Wood, Oklahoma natives, will transfer from Zambia to Mauritius, where he will coordinate the use of Southern Baptist volunteers in community service work requested by the government.

The new mission field will be Southern Baptists' 93rd, but the total may stand at that mark only a few months. On Jan. 1 the board will suspend work in the Seychelles, another Indian Ocean island group where Southern Baptist missionaries worked for a

year on a special arrangement with the government. Unless another new country or territory is entered before that date, the mission fields total will drop back to 92.

Although the door will be left open for future government requests for missionaries to work in the Seychelles, the missionaries who have served there now will transfer to other areas.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Steeger began work in the Seychelles in August, 1977, and served there for a year, teaching in a secondary school and conducting Bible studies for young people in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond V. Lindholm, formerly missionaries to Ethiopia, joined the Steegers in the Seychelles earlier this year, but transferred to Rwanda when a contract to establish a community center was denied.

In Mauritius, missionary Wood will offer the volunteer service of Christian specialists provided through the Foreign Mission Board to do community service projects requested by the government. He also will work with the Chinese Baptist Fellowship on the island and investigate the possibility of other mission-sponsored activities. Initially, he received a one-year residence permit, normal procedure for new persons entering the islands, a part of the British Commonwealth.

Mrs. Wood will do home and church work but anticipates a possible assignment in community development activities.

Though the large Indian population of the island is Hindu and Muslim, the remaining African, European, Malagasy and Chinese populations are primarily Christian.

Devotional Good, Better, Best. . . .

By Jimmy G. McGee, Pastor, East McComb Church, McComb
The inspired writer, in I Corinthians 12:31, instructs us, "But covet earnestly the best. . . ." The context has to do with gifts; the principle is clear for Christian discipleship.

I grew up on RFD No. 3, Prentiss. Among many excitements I experienced as a youngster, one was the mailman's delivery of the Sears & Roebuck Catalog. The new catalog stimulated my childish "wants," and the old catalog was placed in the outdoor privy for practical use.

A familiar feature of the catalog was the labeling of the quality of the merchandise as "Good," "Better," and "Best." The subtle suggestion was always present: good will do, but spend a little more and get the best.

It is true. God's Word for the Christian always fingers the best. We must choose the best, and we must do our best. Less than the best is sinful and shortchanges our Lord's work.

Most folks recognize two (and only two) sides of contrasting life. On the one there is good, the other bad. Thus, there is right or wrong, Jesus or Satan, heaven or hell, moral or immoral, love or hate. You have chosen sides with Jesus.

Presumably your conduct is consistent with your profession. You believe Jesus as your Saviour. You adhere to moral truth. You align your life with social right. You keep the commands of goodness. You go to church. You pay your tithes. With the Rich Young Ruler you say, "All these I have observed from my youth up" (Mark 10:10).

Being good, you don't drink, curse, carouse, steal, murder, nor gossip. Perhaps you can say with some: "I've never . . . been in jail, received a traffic citation, nor kicked a stumbling brother." A good Christian indeed!

Consider carefully: genuine discipleship of Christ Jesus commands our best. Too many of us spend our energies and are sapped out in the "goods." We often settle for the mediocre, and do just what is necessary to get by.

WE MUST CHOOSE THE BEST! There are so many good things we can be and do. Most of us have little difficulty choosing between the good and the bad. We must choose the best over the good for God's glory. My choice is not difficult at deciding to love my child (good) or to beat my child (bad). In loving my child, I must choose to send him to church (good) or to worship with him at church (best). In Luke 10:42, it is recorded that Jesus commended Mary for choosing the best over Martha's good.

WE MUST DO OUR BEST! Doing good, you may make the team and get by easily and even win the laurel of fellow Christians. But if you are not doing your best for Jesus — at home, church, work, and play, you are shortchanging discipleship.

"Good, better, best
Never let it rest
Till your good is better
And your better is best."

Seminary Extension Doubles

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — More than 10,000 persons studied Southern Baptist Seminary Extension curriculum during 1977-78, a jump of almost 20 percent over the previous year and a 100 percent increase since 1972-73.

Record high statistics, reflected in all categories in the year-end report just released by the Nashville-based Seminary Extension Department, showed 10,477 students enrolled in one or more of the theologically oriented courses offered by the department, compared to 8,777 the year before and 4,933 five years earlier. The number of Seminary Extension centers reported

reached 340, exceeding the previous record of 328.

Operated as an arm of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries, Seminary Extension provides pastors and lay church leaders with opportunities to continue their education for ministry. Students may choose from more than 40 college-level courses, 15 simplified courses, and a variety of informal personal study programs.

In 1977-78, the department, working with Baptist associations and other local groups to provide theological education, enrolled 8,352 persons in centers and 2,125 through its Home Study Institute. Seminary Extension

Houston Group Refuses School Offer

HOUSTON (BP) — Union Baptist Association in Houston has turned down a proposal that it sponsor a private junior-senior high school.

None of the approximately 1,200 associations in the 33 state conventions of the Southern Baptist Convention is known to operate a high school program. The proposed takeover of Northwest Academy was recommended by the association's Christian Education Committee but lost 50-45 before the executive board.

The academy was established in 1970 in the facilities of Garden Oaks Baptist Church but is now located on 15 acres with property said to be valued at \$1.5 million. Enrollment is down from a peak of about 550 to around 300 and it has reportedly operated at a deficit of \$30,000 to \$35,000 the past two or three years.

About 28 individual churches in the Union Association have some type of weekday education program and 10 or 11 have elementary schools. Broadway Baptist has a high school. But none of the several churches approached would assume control of the academy. Houston Baptist University also turned it down.

Some support for associational sponsorship of the high school came from those who urged a place be secured for students coming out of church sponsored elementary schools. Opponents claimed that although the school is now and would be open to all races and creeds, it would be seen as an attempt to operate a "lily white" school.

Baptist Leaders Appeal For Leeper's Return To Turkey

By Stan L. Hasty
WASHINGTON (BP) — Representatives of U.S. and world Baptists appealed to the Turkish ambassador in Washington to have his government renew the residence permit of expelled Southern Baptist Missionary James F. Leeper.

Leeper, pastor of an English-speaking congregation in Ankara for 12 years, had his residence permit revoked in May and was expelled from Turkey on September 29. After spending a few days in Germany, Leeper came home to Dayton, Ky., for the funeral of his mother.

Four persons represented Baptists at the 45-minute meeting with Melih Esenbel, Turkey's ambassador to the United States — Leeper; J. D. Hughey, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia; James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Ambassador Esenbel, although noncommittal about Leeper's chances of regaining the residence permit, said he would relay the group's concern through the Turkish minister of foreign affairs in Ankara to the prime minister.

During the meeting with the ambassador, Leeper insisted that he had violated no Turkish laws and had never been informed of the reasons for his expulsion.

During most of his 12 years as pastor of the Galatian Baptist Church in Ankara, Leeper has had only tourist status, a condition requiring frequent renewals. In October, 1977, he and his family received residence permits retroactive to Aug. 2, 1977. But Leeper's permit was revoked last May by the Turkish interior ministry. His wife, Jean, and their four children have never been ordered to leave.

Leeper returned to Turkey by way of Syria on June 2, again requesting a residence permit. He expressed then and has continued to maintain his belief that low-ranking Turkish officials were responsible for the expulsion order, perhaps directly instigated by complaints from one or more individuals unhappy with the Galatian Baptist Church ministry. After being arrested on September 22 he was allowed to remain in the country until September 29.

Ambassador Esenbel said he does not know all the particulars in the case, but said he understands that Leeper had been charged with disseminating "religious propaganda."

"That's against our law," the ambassador said, noting that any effort to influence other people to change their religion falls under the umbrella of "religious propaganda." Leeper said it was the first time he had been informed of the charges.

Leeper told Esenbel, "I'm guilty of preaching," but only within the confines of the church building, not outside. He said, "None of our services has ever been interrupted" by persons objecting to a Christian witness. He also said that to his knowledge police have never monitored services.

Asked by Esenbel why he uses Turkish-language Bibles, Leeper replied that they are kept at the church building to give to persons inquiring about the Christian faith. He and Hughey also reminded the ambassador that the Turkish Bible Society, located in Ankara, openly distributes Bibles to inquirers.

Leeper emphasized that he has never preached in Turkish, because, "I can't," referring to difficulty with the language. The pattern of ministry of the church, he said, has not changed in the 12 years since he and Mrs. Leeper were appointed in 1966. The church's ministry is aimed primarily at U.S. military personnel.

Life and Work Lesson

Money Is Power

By Bill Duncan,
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Luke 16:1-15

George W. Truett aptly said, "Money is good only when used to do good." Years ago, a missionary in China sent a small Chinese idol to his son in the United States saying, "This is what the people worship over here." He hoped to help his son see the spiritual need of China. But his son replied by mailing back an American silver dollar with the accompanying note, "And, Dad, this is what they worship over here."

Have you ever wondered why Jesus had so much to say about money? He talked more about money than anything else. One-third of all his parables and one-sixth of all the verses in the four gospels are about money. Certainly he was not trying to get money for himself. Do you remember his taking an offering? The only possession He had was a cloak which he wore. The only reason for his discussion on money that I have been able to come up with was that money, the love of money, was the chief rival of his mission of capturing the souls of men.

If only people would serve God with the intelligence and enthusiasm with which they serve money. A few days ago, I was talking with a man about his unemployment and he related to me that he could earn over \$4,000 a month overseas working for a contractor. He was enthusiastic about the possibilities. The goal was the money. But that same man would not understand if someone wanted to go overseas as a foreign missionary.

Jesus never said it was wrong to earn money. His messages on money reflected the shortsightedness of those who made money their god and forgot the other more important aspects of life.

When money becomes one's chief goal, the Bible says that he always ends up disappointed. Judas let money blind him to the things of life that really counted. He got his money and then realized what a bad bargain he had made. He had become blinded to the things of life that really counted.

The parable of the unjust steward is a story told by Jesus to illustrate the wrong attitude toward money. A man was looking after the financial affairs of his employer, but his employer be-

came dissatisfied with him and called for an accounting in order to dismiss him. Because the steward knew he would lose all his security and income, he decided to go out and help as many people as possible, so that when he ran out of wealth they would help him.

There are some important principles which we must remember from this story.

I. The Wealth He Possessed Was Not His Own

Today I am in possession of certain wealth which is not mine. I have control of it and use it as if it were my own. While I possess the material possessions, they really belong to my Master. The truth is the possessions are temporary. The only way I can provide for tomorrow is by using what I have today.

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." The possessions of this world pass from one person to another, but through all the centuries God is the sole owner.

What are we going to do about tomorrow? The steward was very sensible to lay up something for the days that were ahead. The foolish thing is to fail to reckon with the eternity in which we must live.

How I use my possessions now determines my wealth tomorrow. The possessions we have will be here as long as the world exists, but we won't be here.

II. The Steward Was Shrewd in the Plan He Chose

He did not try to run away with his master's money. Instead, he decided to invest the wealth that he possessed in people. He reduced the debtors' obligations or bills. The debtors said, "We appreciate this. We will not forget you." He took material value and changed it into friends.

The heart of the message that Jesus taught was, "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness: that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations."

The right attitude toward money is that it is to be used for spiritual values. When we use our wealth right, we will use it to show our love and friendship. It was costly in work, honor, and confidence but he did so with no real regret.

The steward was called unjust or a rascal because he gave away the

money which was not his. Remember also he served the god of mammon. His whole devotion was to the material world and earthly.

III. The Just Steward Believes that the Supreme Values Are Spiritual

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. We believe that every man should put the cause of Christ first. But when it gets down to practice, we present a poor report.

For example, when there is a clash between profits and principles, money and men, which one suffers? When times get hard and expenses have to be cut, where do we begin to economize, in the realm of the material or in the realm of the spiritual?

After we have made our confession of faith instead of driving straight toward our goals we allow many things to turn us aside. We surrender our money, time, and lives to be used for secondary causes.

To say that the children of this world are wiser than the children of light is a pathetic word. This explains the fact that many of us are restless and unhappy, and sorely disappointed in our religious lives. It is the men who put first things first that find life abundant. These are the ones who advance the Kingdom of God.

There are people who think that tithing is merely a scheme to raise money. Tithing is God's plan for the financing of the work of his kingdom. It is also his program for growing people to become partners with God. Tithing teaches us the value of money. The tragedy of material things is that they have the power to make men forget they have a soul.

Simpson Will Collect MOM For Volunteers

Simpson Association voted in annual meeting, Oct. 17, to give every Christian of Simpson Association an opportunity to participate in a mission project entitled "MOM," Monies on Missions.

The project would work as follows: Commitment cards will be made available for individuals to sign who would be willing to give not more than \$20 per year toward the expense of sending a volunteer(s) from the Association to a needed mission project for one or two weeks.

This work will be under the guidance of our Associational Missions Committee with Hueston Adkins as chairman. H. Glen Schilling is director of missions.

Uniform Lesson

By Jackie C. Hamilton
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Matthew 5:11, 12; James 3:6-14;
Exodus 20:16

"To speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" is a commonplace demand made upon all citizens of our country when faced with the due process of law. This has come to us after many centuries and it finds its roots in this commandment. To tell a lie or act as a hypocrite is to be guilty of sin and wrongdoing.

I. God Forbids Lying and Falsehood (Exodus 20:16)

The most precious possession of a person is character. Let that be marred and all else in life can become of no

ship. The word for neighbor could mean any fellowman, thus the Israelite was not given a limited and narrow outlook about those who were to be treated as a neighbor.

The lie against another is a sin against personality. Each person is entitled to be judged by his own character. A man should be accepted as innocent until proven guilty. How can anyone be judged of another without benefit of all the facts? How easy it is to prejudice another or by prejudice write off another as "no good." Here is where gossip and tattletale, little tattletale enter into common speech and ruin social relations.

Closely allied to bearing false wit-

ness is the jealousy and covetousness which so easily besmirch our common lives. When someone cannot accept another person because the latter is prosperous or more talented, then the monster of jealousy finds expression in false witness. So also is covetousness, when someone is gripped by greed and avarice for that which does not belong — then comes the evil word to destroy that which belongs to another.

II. Dangerous Potential Of The Tongue (James 3:6-14)

He gives a picture of a little fire setting off a terrible holocaust. Even though the little campfire is insignificant, it can start a forest fire that destroys acres of timber. James pictures the tamed animal (James 3:7,8). James knew of examples in his day of every imaginable creature being tamed by man; but the tongue, even though smaller than the wild beasts, could not be tamed.

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The obligation to be truthful is set aside quickly when temptation overcomes the mind and heart. Rumor is another way in which this virus spreads from mouth to mouth. Have we not known this infectious plague to be carried quickly until someone of poor character is cheapened and destroyed? "The lying tongue" is never far removed from the best of people. James in his letter in the New Testament has much to say about the control of the tongue. His letter on ethical behavior is full of warning against this dread malady; false witnesses, and our daily speech. The perfect and complete man is he who does not stoop to his kind of speech.

We must beware of the spirit of denunciation as a secret device by which we bear false witness. It is one of the perils of the preacher and the teacher to denounce certain sins in society from his safe and exalted bastion of security. Sometimes the earnest and passionate denunciation will hide a similar sin of bearing false witness. The white lies, the inference of badness, the social life, the use and belief

poison. Poison comes in little capsules, or powders, or drops. A small amount can kill a person in a matter of seconds. So can the tongue, even though it is small. James also gives a picture of the fountain and the fig tree (James 3:11,12). A fountain cannot produce at the same time sweet and bitter water no matter how big the fountain is, but the tongue can. A fig tree cannot produce both figs and olives no matter how tall it is, but the tongue can.

III. Persecution By False Witnesses (Matthew 5:11,12)

The popular notion of happiness does not fit our Lord's description. People today do not define happiness in terms of humility, mourning, meekness, and persecution, for example.

People in general suffer from verbal abuse, but Jesus had in mind the abuse that comes to a person because of his identification with himself. This kind of treatment Jesus summarized as being reviled, persecuted, and suffering from all kinds of lies.

A Christian is blessed when under verbal attack because it is an opportunity for him to respond in Christ's way. Refusing to retaliate with his own tongue lashing or lies against an attacker, he shows his loyalty and obedience to Christ. This is a powerful witness in society.

The Christian who refuses to cave in under the worst that his tormentors can say about him will find that Jesus is true to his Word. Christ himself will flood his soul with the peace and happiness that comes only from being true to him under the tests.